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Hi, Ron and Sharie -

Well, I'm working away on my *Blackledge Stories* book. Like most such projects, it ends up being much more work and will take much longer than expected.

Ronnie, do you have any documents or good stories you would be willing to add about our time at USNA? I already plan to add when you came to the Weapons Lab at KAFB and found a bunch of us Masters and PhDs out there on the Parade Ground, trying to march around for someone's retirement ceremony. That was a bit surreal, was it not? Anyway, anything you can send, I would appreciate it. In particular, when did we start rooming together – would that have been Youngster Year, and on through Second Class Year?

Sharie, are you still volunteering to help kids with equine Therapy? As a happenstance, Bonnie's daughter Katy got tickets to last Friday night's Gala Festival of Trees, part of the fundraiser for Carrie Tingley Children's Hospital – remember that? Well, Bonnie ran into some friends of hers from their old motorcycle days (yes, Bonnie has a past) who are now running a 501(3C) called Loving Thunder (I'm thinking they chose the name related to their motorcycle background – Rolling Thunder, yes?).

Their names are Twuana and Mike Raupp, and their website is www.lovingthunder.com. Bonnie was actually Matron of Honor at their wedding back over 30 years ago. I'm enclosing the pamphlet they provided for their charity, to see how it compares with your activities. Bonnie says Twuana used to be an accountant for charities, I think back when she knew them. They keep their horses at their place in Rio Rancho, and say they don't really draw a salary, but they stay fed.

Hope you guys are doing well – are you getting together somewhere for Army-Navy game? Our Alumni chapter always has its biggest turnout for that game, and this year the Navy Women's Basketball team is coming to the Pit on Sunday, 10 December, the next day after Army-Navy. Bonnie and I are going to host a pre-game lunch at the Canyon Club (the former

Four Hills Country Club) and then we'll all go to the game. I have had season tickets for the Lady Lobos for probably 20 years now.

Love ya,